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TO: ELG Committee Members
FROM: Laura Sankey, Staff Attorney
DATE: September 8, 2016
RE: Administrative Rule Review – September 2016

The following administrative rulemaking action has taken place since the committee last received a rule review update in June:

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

MAR Notice No. 10-53-277: The Board of Public Education (Board) is proposing to update the K-12 content standards for the subject of science. The new rules propose to provide science standards in the content areas of physical science, life science, and earth and space science. The proposed rules provide grade-specific content standards for kindergarten through fifth grade, as well as one rule for sixth through eighth grade and one rule for ninth through twelfth grade. This committee received the economic impact statement from the Office of Public Instruction at its June meeting. The Board held a public hearing for the proposed rules on August 30 and will vote on whether to adopt the proposed rules at their next meeting, September 15-16, 2016. If adopted, the proposed rules would take effect July 1, 2017.

MAR Notice No. 10-56-271: The Board's proposal to amend ARM 10.56.101 regarding student assessment was adopted and took effect August 6, 2016. The Board did not receive any comments or testimony.

MAR Notice No. 10-53-275: The Board adopted new rules, and amending and repealed existing rules governing Arts Content Standards. The Board received 2 comments, both in support of the proposed changes. The rule changes will take effect on July 1, 2017.

MAR Notice No. 10-53-276: The Board also adopted new rules and repealed existing rules pertaining to the Health and Physical Education Content Standards. The Board received a total of 7 comments, each supporting the changes to the content standards. The new rules will take effect July 1, 2017.